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ATTENTION: FCA/COT AND IMD/COT

SUBJECT: SECOND ESTIMATE OF 1977/78 EGYPTIAN COTTON

- CROP; REPORT OF POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF SUDANESE
- COTTON BY GOE

REF: TOFAS 034

1. LISTED BELOW IS SECOND OFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF 1977/78  
EGYPTIAN COTTON PRODUCTION. AREA REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM  
:IRST ESTIMATE REPORTED IN REFTEL:

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- ABOVE 1-3/8 INCHES PRODUCTION (1)
- GIZA 45 150,942
- GIZA 70 1,958,705
- GIZA 68 773,773

- SUBTOTAL 2,883,420
- ABOVE 1-1/4 INCHES
- GIZA 69 1,035,888
- GIZA 67 1,648,189
- GIZA 75 312,974
- DANDARA 862,966
- SUBTOTAL 3,860,017
- ABOVE 1-1/8 INCHES
- GIZA 66 842,396
- GIZA 72 50,830
- ASHMOUNI 154,503
- SUBTOTAL 1,047,729
- TOTAL ABOVE 7,791,166
- SCARTO 212,102

(1) IN METRIC KANTARS OF 50 KILOGRAMS OF LINT COTTON.  
2. THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT REPORTS THAT EGYPT IS  
CONSIDERING THE PURCHASE OF SUDANESE SHORT STAPLE  
COTTON. ACCORDING TO UNDERSECRETARY KAMAL FAYAD,  
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MINISTRY OF TRADE, EGYPT STILL NEEDS 125,000 BALES  
OF IMPORTED COTTON, IN ADDITION TO THE 125,000 BALES  
DESIRED FROM THE U. S. UNDER EITHER AID/CIP OR CCC  
EXPORT CREDIT SALES PROGRAM. FAYAD TOLD US THAT  
EXPERIMENTS ARE STILL UNDER WAY TO DECIDE UPON THE  
SUITABILITY OF SUDANESE COTTON FOR EGYPT'S  
TEXTILE MILLS, AND IN PARTICULAR WHETHER OR NOT  
SUDAN CAN ADEQUATELY FUMIGATE COTTON TO EGYPT'S  
SPECIFICATIONS.

3. COMMENT. THE TOTAL IMPORT REQUIREMENT OF 250,000  
BALES MENTIONED ABOVE IS DOUBLE PREVIOUS ESTIMATES,  
AND INDICATES THE CONTINUING GROWTH IN EGYPT'S NEEDS FOR  
SHORT STAPLE COTTON FOR BOTH PRODUCTION OF CHEAP FABRICS  
FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND ALSO TO RELEASE ITS LONGER  
STAPLE COTTONS FOR EXPORT, EITHER AS RAW COTTON OR  
COTTON TEXTILES. END COMMENT.  
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